

CLAIMS LISTING

1-3. Cancelled

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The obturator tip of claim 3,~~ An obturator tip having a longitudinal axis, said tip comprising:

an elongated distal section having a first diameter, said distal section having a blunt, rounded, distal end for separating tissue;

an elongated proximal section having a second diameter;

a central section for connecting said distal section and said proximal section; and

a pair of blades located on opposing sides of said tip, said blades positioned about 180 degrees apart from each other, wherein a first end of at least one of said blades is attached to said distal section of said obturator tip and wherein a second end of at least one of said blades is attached to said proximal section of said obturator tip.

5-6. Cancelled.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The obturator tip of claim 2,~~ An obturator tip having a longitudinal axis, said tip comprising:

an elongated distal section having a first diameter, said distal section having a blunt, rounded, distal end for separating tissue;

an elongated proximal section having a second diameter;

a central section for connecting said distal section and said proximal section; and

a pair of blades located on opposing sides of said tip, said blades positioned about 180 degrees apart from each other, wherein said central section further comprises tapered outer surfaces for connecting said proximal section and said distal section and wherein said outer surfaces of said central section taper in a non-linear fashion.

8-14. Cancelled.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The obturator tip of claim 13;~~ An obturator tip having a longitudinal axis, said tip comprising:

an elongated distal section having a first diameter, said distal section having a blunt, rounded, distal end for separating tissue;

a proximal section having a second diameter;

a central section for connecting said distal section and said proximal section; and

an insert or molded blade residing partially within said tip, said blade having two wing elements located on opposing sides of said blade and protruding outwardly away from said longitudinal axis, wherein said central further comprises tapered outer surfaces for connecting said proximal section and said distal section and wherein said outer surfaces of said central section taper in a non-linear fashion.

16-20. Cancelled.